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SUMMARY: ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE DELIVERED 90 MINUTE SPEECH IN ARABIC BEFORE PACKED AND ATTENTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SPEECH, WHICH WAS IN TWO PARTS, CONSISTED OF COMPARATIVELY BRIEF SUMMARY OF HIS REPORT ON FOURTH NAC IN ALGIERS AND EXPOSE OF ALGERIAN VIEWPOINT OF NEW STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. AS PRINCIPAL INITIATIVE, BOUMEDIENE SUGGESTED SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO BE ADMINISTERED AT LEAST INITIALLY BY IBRD AND REGIONAL BANKS. HE PORTRAYED WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AS ONE IN WHICH ALL STRINGS OF POWER WERE IN HANDS OF MINORITY OF RICH COUNTRIES. PICTURE HE DREW WAS HARSH ONE OF CONTRASTS BETWEEN DOMINANT POWERS AND POORER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEKING TO REDRESS PROFOUND IMBALANCE BETWEEN RICH AND POOR BY TAKING CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, TRANSFORMATION AND PRICING OF THEIR OWN RAW MATERIALS. ON OIL POLITICS, HE URGED FELLOW LDC'S TO FOLLOW OPEC EXAMPLE WITH REGARD TO OTHER RAW MATERIALS

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AND CRITICIZED WEC AS CONFRONTATIONAL. HE CAREFULLY

AVOIDED CALL FOR CONFRONTATION AND SLIGHTLY SOFTENED HIS PORTRAYAL OF WORLD SITUATION BY MAKING NOD TOWARDS NOTION OF INTERDEPENDENCE OF WORLD COMMUNITY. HE CLEARLY MADE EFFORT TO APPEAR TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONAL AND UNCOMPROMISING ON SUBSTANCE.

1. FIRST PART OF BOUMEDIENE SPEECH WAS ESSENTIALLY HIS REPORT TO GA WHICH HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE LAST FALL AS PRESIDENT OF FOURTH NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BUT FROM WHICH HE WAS PREVENTED BY OCTOBER WAR. ON BEHALF OF LDC'S HE COMPLAINED THAT MOVEMENT AWAY FROM COLD WAR HAD NOT IMPROVED LOT OF THIRD WORLD. HE RECITED USUAL LITANY ON VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID, GUINEA-BISSAU, CHILE AND MIDDLE EAST.
2. BOUMEDIENE THEN TURNED TO EXISTING ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH HE VIEWED AS STANDING IN WAY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF THIRD WORLD. THIS ORDER, HE CHARGED, MAINTAINS ECONOMIC DOMINANCE OF MOST-DEVELOPED WITH CONTROL OVER RESOURCES, INSTITUTIONS AND PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.
3. HE CITED PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS AS LOGICAL OUTGROWTH OF THIRD WORLD EFFORTS TO PROTECT PRICES OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS. OPEC ACTION WAS ONLY FIRST ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT PRODUCING COUNTRIES NEED TO DO TO CONTROL RAW MATERIAL PRICES AND DEVELOP UNION OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE ON OTHER HAND WAS MORE STEP TO CONFRONTATION THAN REFLECTION OF DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE WORRIED THAT PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED FOR OIL PRODUCERS COULD SPREAD TO ALL RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES. IN THIS CONTEXT BOUMEDIENE SAID THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF DIALOGUE AND THAT UN WAS IDEAL FORUM. RISE IN OIL PRICES WHICH EXCITED "VIOLENT REACTIONS" SHOULD BE VIEWED ALONG WITH INCREASES IN COSTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS AND IN COSTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AND SERVICES PLUS INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF DEBT SERVICING AND TRANSFER OF CAPITAL OUT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
4. BOUMEDIENE PROPOSED FIVE GUIDELINES ON WHICH TO BASE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THESE MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: NATIONALIZATION BY LDC'S OF RESOURCES; COHERENT PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT IN EACH COUNTRY WITH EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION; MASSIVE NEW AID PROGRAMS; CONTROL OVER INFLATION AND ARMS RACE ALONG WITH REFORM OF MONETARY SYSTEM; SPECIAL PROGRAM OF AID TO MOST DEPRIVED COUNTRIES.

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TM FROM ABOVE LIST OF GUIDELINES, BOUMEDIENE OFFERED SEVERAL CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. UN SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN OPERATING AND MARKETING LDC'S WHO NATIONALIZE OWN NATURAL RESOURCES AND SHOULD CONDEMN THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO BLOCK NATIONALIZATION MEASURES. SECONDLY HE CALLED ON PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO FORM CARTELS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR REVENUES. THIRD, UN SHOULD STUDY WAYS IN WHICH LDC'S CAN OBTAIN ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO DEVELOP NEW CENTERS OF INDUSTRY.

FINALLY HE PROPOSED SPECIAL PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

6. SPECIAL PROGRAM WHICH BOUMEDIENE SUGGESTED FOR MOST DEPRIVED COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE PRECISE OBJECTIVES. BASIC NEEDS OF THESE COUNTRIES FOR FOOD, ENERGY AND FERTILIZERS SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON FAVORABLE TERMS OR GRATUITOUSLY. COSTS FOR PRODUCTS SUPPLIED SHOULD BE BORNE BY THOSE COUNTRIES PRODUCING THEM. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY COUNTRIES IN PROPORTION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE INCOMES. IN INITIAL STAGES, IBRD AND REGIONAL BANKS COULD MANAGE THESE FUNDS, WHILE LATER NEW INSTITUTIONS COULD BE FORMED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE PROMISED TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO SPECIAL SESSION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

7. BOUMEDIENE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH WITH APPEAL FOR COOPERATION FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. VICTORY OF THIRD WORLD WOULD BE VICTORY FOR ALL MANKIND.

8. COMMENT: BOUMEDIENE SPEECH SUBSTANTIALLY CONFRONTATIONAL AND UNCOMPROMISING. HOWEVER, HE CLEARLY MADE EFFORT TO APPEAR TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC.

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